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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. CR 07-0654 CRB
[Filed October 16, 2007]

EMMANUEL EJIKE ANYANWU and
LINDA NGOZI ASHIEGBU,

DefendantS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. CR 07-0677 SI
[Filed October 25, 2007]

DORIS AKUYOMA ANYANWU and
ANDREW IHENTUGE ASHIEGBU,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF RELATED CASE
IN A CRIMINAL ACTION and
[PROPOSED] ORDER
[San Francisco Venue]

The United States of America, pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 8-1, hereby notifies the Court that the two above-captioned criminal cases are related. The defendants in these two cases are related to each other. Emmanuel Anyanwu, Linda Ashiegbu, and Doris Anyanwu are

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siblings. Andrew Ashiegbu and Linda Ashiegbu are husband and wife. The actions in the above-captioned cases do not involve the same alleged events, occurrences, or transactions of property and thus are not related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(1). Nevertheless, given the close familial relationship among the defendants and the fact that they appear to have lived together recently, there exists a strong possibility that all four defendants are aware of—and potentially witnesses to—the criminal conduct charged in the above-captioned cases. In addition, the cases charge the same criminal violations and are likely to have similar motions filed. Based upon these facts, there exists a strong possibility of conflicts among the defendants, as well as the risk of substantial duplication of labor were the cases to be heard by different Judges. The cases are, therefore, related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(2).

Per the requirement of Local Criminal Rule 8-1(c)(4), government counsel states that assignment of these cases to a single judge is likely to conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of each action.

Date: November 1, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,
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/s/
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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Based upon the notice of the government and pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 8-1, this Court finds that the cases United States v. E. Anyanwu CR 07-0654 CRB and United States v. D. Anyanwu CR 07-0677 SI are related within the meaning of Local Criminal Rule 8-1(b). IT IS

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1 HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court relate these cases and reassign CR 07-0677 to
2 this Court.

3 DATED: _____

4 CHARLES R. BREYER

5 United States District Judge
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